



## U.S. Department of Justice

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Re: FOIA 2019-14725

Dear Mr. Hoppock,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in which you seek documents from the "Guidance and Publications" intranet website.

Responsive documents are enclosed. Portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) to avoid a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and/or 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) to protect privileged information. Portions may also be redacted pursuant 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7) in order to protect law enforcement sensitive information. The reason for redaction is marked on each portion.

Additionally, the draft decisions in the "Draft Decision Bank" are draft decisions of actual cases created by Judicial Law Clerks for Immigration Judges. They are therefore withheld in full pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) as pre-decisional, attorney work product, and/or attorney-client privilege, as well as 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

The link under "BIA Precedent Committee" merely explains the process for requesting the BIA consider a case precedential. However, the language from the link as well as the fillable request form are included in the release.

The documents in "Training Materials" are from the 2016 Immigration Judge Conference, and have previously been released to you as 2018-46882.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. *See* <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2012foiapost9.html>.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number 703-605-1297 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

*Joseph Schaaf*

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